

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Golden Meadows Dairy Farm

and/or common Emily Osborne Property

2. Location:street & number 3346 and 3350 Mill Hill Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Waldorf ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Emily Osborne

street & number 3350 Mill Hill Road telephone no.: (301) 645-7415

city, town Waldorf state and zip code MD 20603

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber

street & number 101 Catalpa Drive folio

city, town La Plata state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository/survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No.: CH-241 (PACS B4)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 7

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Golden Meadows Dairy Farm consists of a log house, constructed circa 1930, a 3-story barn, a stable, a milk house, a 1-story barn, a 1-story storage building, and a modern mobile home. The property is located on the south side of Mill Hill Road in the Waldorf vicinity, Charles County. According to the owner, the 3-story barn and the shed were constructed circa 1940.

The house has an I-shaped plan with three rooms. The original section, located in the center of the building, has a flat roof and there are two front-gable wings; one projecting to the north and one to the south. The original section has exposed log walls, while the wings are stuccoed and have asphalt shingle roofs.

The original section of the house has paired 4/4 wood-frame, double-hung windows and a central door on both the east (front) and west (rear) elevations. A fireplace and chimney constructed of river rock are located in this section of the structure.

The two wings are of log construction and have been stuccoed. Exposed logs placed vertically are located in the gable ends. Constructed circa 1935, each wing has one, 6-light awning window on both the east and west elevations. The south elevation of the south wing has three, 6-light awning windows and the north elevation of the north wing has two, 6-light awning windows.

A 3-story barn is located on the property, northeast of the house. It has a gambrel roof, with a 2-story gambrel-roof section extending to the south. It is clad in vertical wood siding, has a concrete foundation and a metal roof.

A 1½-story, shed roof stable is located west of the house. It is clad in a combination of vertical wood siding and sheet metal and has a central brick chimney.

A concrete block milk house is located northeast of the house and west of the large barn. It has a gable roof and 2/2 double-hung wood windows.

A small, 1-story barn, which is partially collapsed, is located east of the house and southeast of the larger barn. This structure has a concrete foundation, a metal roof with exposed rafter ends, and vertical wood siding. According to the owner, this was the first barn on the property.

Located immediately northeast of the large barn is a 1-story storage building. It has a front-gable, metal roof and is clad in vertical wood siding.

A modern mobile home is located east of the house, southwest of the barn and the storage building.

Finally, according to the owner, a cemetery is located on the property, within the cultivated farm field southeast of the structures. This cemetery, which may have only a few grave markers remaining, reportedly contains some graves which date to the seventeenth century.

The farm is located in a rural area of Mill Hill Road. Mill Hill Road in the area of this property is a dirt road, and cultivated farm fields surround the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
Prehistoric	__ archaeology-prehistoric	__ Community planning	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
1400-1499	__ archeology-historic	__ conservation	__ law	__ science
1500-1599	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ literature	__ sculpture
1600-1699	__ architecture	__ education	__ military	__ social/
1700-1799	__ art	__ engineering	__ music	humanitarian
1800-1899	__ commerce	__ exploration/settlement	__ philosophy	__ theater
<u>x</u> 1900-	__ communication	__ industry	__ politics/government	__ transportation
		invention		other:

Specific dates circa 1930

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D
 and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state ___local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Golden Meadows Dairy Farm is located on a rural parcel of land at the end of Mill Hill Road. The property operated as a dairy farm from the 1930s, with a herd of over 100 cattle. The structures which comprise the farm remain, however, it has not operated as a dairy farm since approximately 1980. The parcel, which originally contained 57.87 hectare (143 acres), now contains 49.77 hectare (123 acres), as some parcels have been given to the children of Emily Sporne to construct residences.

The Golden Meadows Dairy Farm is located in southern Maryland, in northern Charles County. The Native American inhabitants of southern Maryland from the Piscataway and Potobac nations were joined by European settlers beginning in 1634 with the establishment of St. Mary's City by Leonard Calvert. Successive waves of colonists took up tracts of land further inland from the Chesapeake Bay along the Patuxent and Potomac rivers and their tributaries. Charles County was formed in 1658 and Prince George's County was established in 1696. Settlement was confined to inland areas until road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of both Charles and Prince George's counties until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion necessitated agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in 1873 linked Prince George's and Charles counties with the surrounding area, encouraging trade and settlement. While the suburbanization of Prince George's and Charles counties was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, these southern Maryland counties have also retained their rural and agricultural character.

Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. Structures such as the dwelling at the Golden Meadows Dairy Farm are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gabled, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily one to one-and-a-half-stories tall, 3 bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually two to two-and-a-half-stories tall, are typically two to three bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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8. Significance (Continued)

They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style, such as the dwelling at the Golden Meadows Dairy. (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

Also located on the property is a gambrel-roof dairy barn. The barn was the principal building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the nineteenth century and twentieth century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the nineteenth century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities (Grow 1985, 60 and 76). Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The Golden Meadows Dairy Farm consists of a circa 1930 log house, various outbuildings and a modern mobile home. The property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to a lack of historical and architectural significance and a loss of its historical association. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Although the structures on the property possess fair architectural integrity and the residence is somewhat eclectic in its details, the structures are undistinctive early to mid-twentieth century residential, agricultural and utilitarian buildings. In addition, the outbuildings are in a state of deterioration, which has compromised their integrity. Therefore, the structures do not meet Criterion C of the National Register Criteria. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility Recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: Suzanne Pickens Date: 07/21/1997

Reviewer, NR Program: *[Signature]* Date: 4/4/01

[Signature]

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No.: CH-241 (PACS B4)

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name La Plata, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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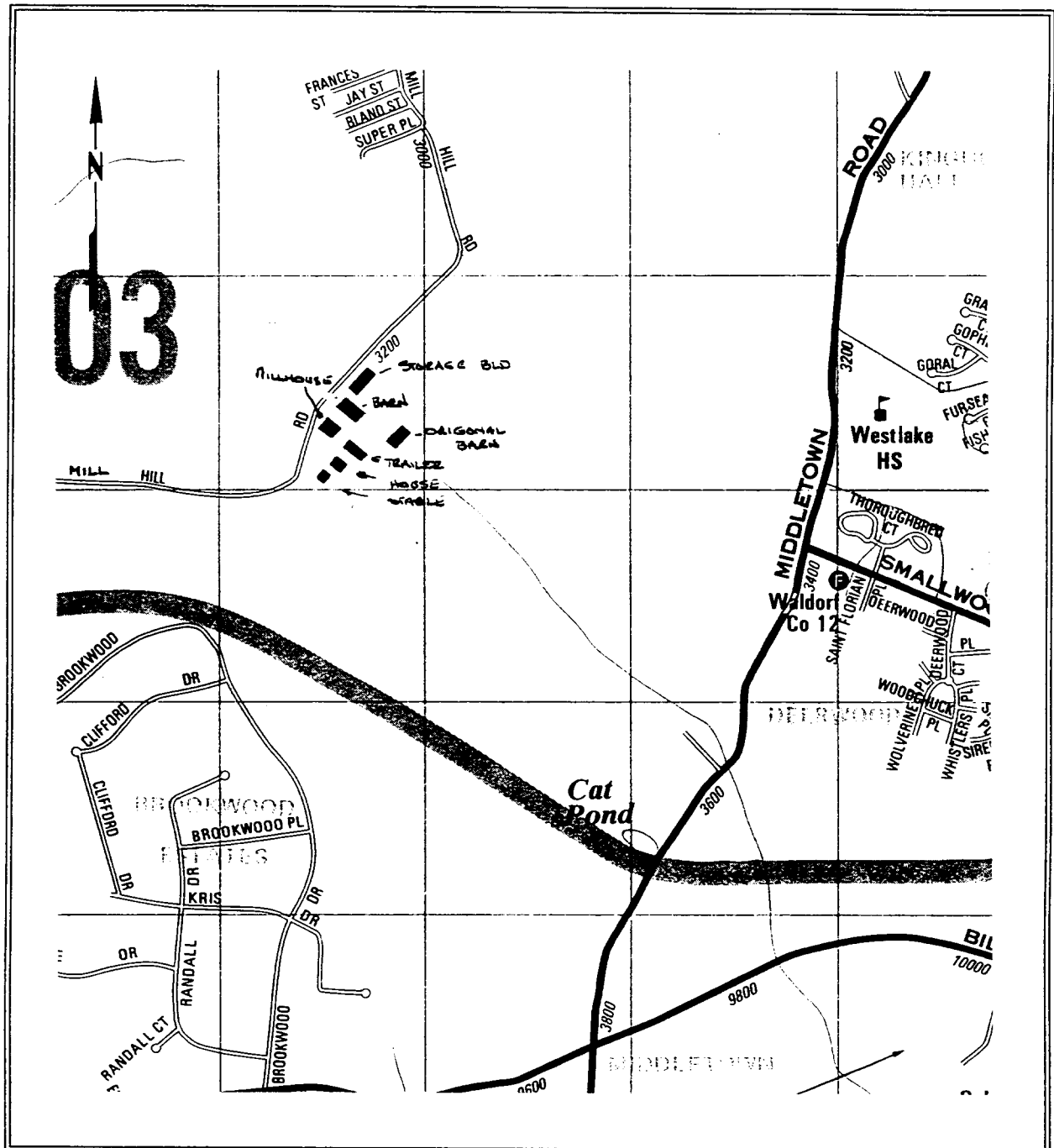
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10. **Geographical Data** (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Golden Meadows Dairy Farm; CH-241 (PACS B4)
3346 and 3350 Mill Hill Road, Waldorf vicinity, Charles County

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture/Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings; Private Ownership; Public Acquisition - Not applicable; Occupied;
Not accessible; Private Residence

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Agriculture/Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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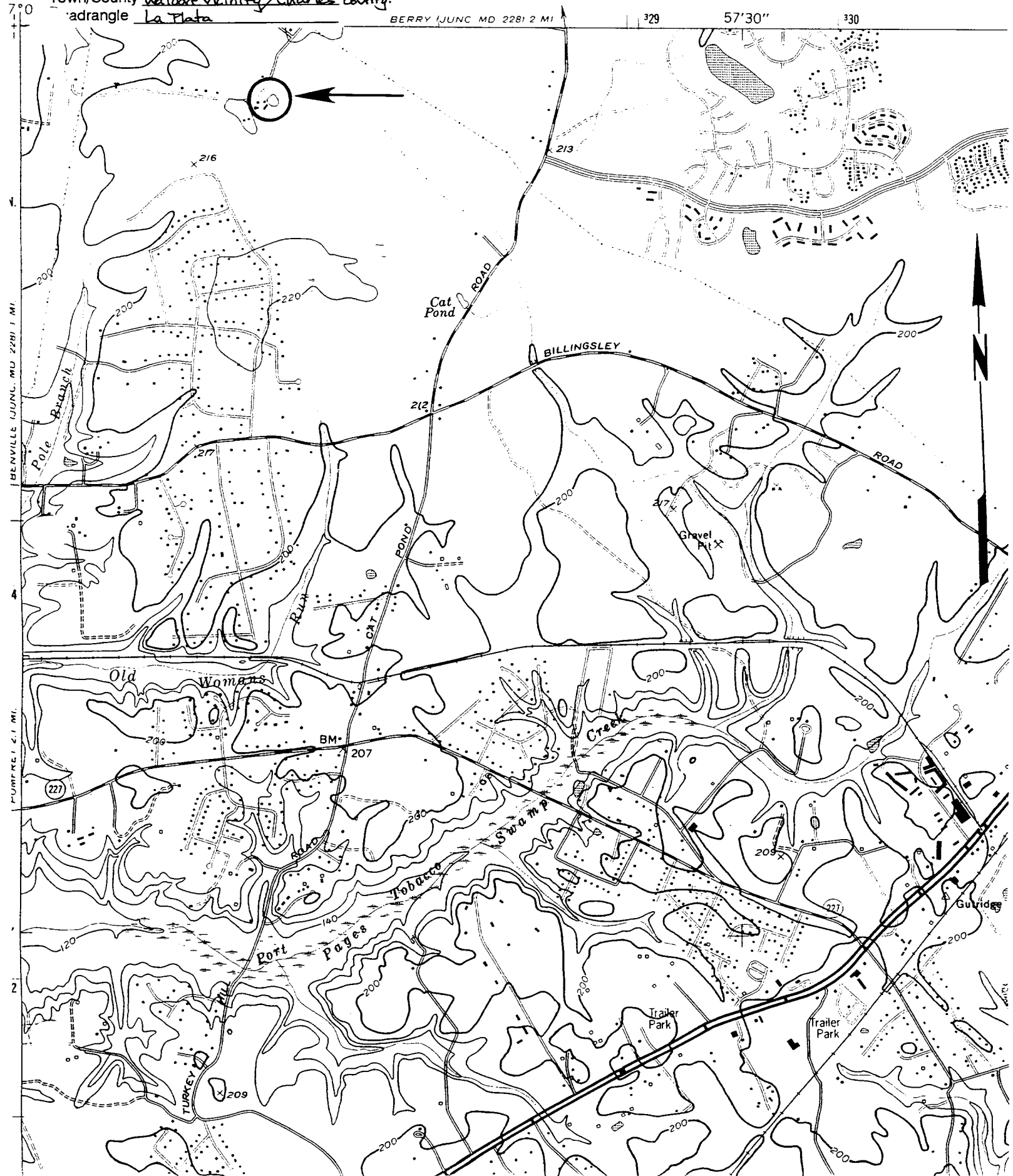
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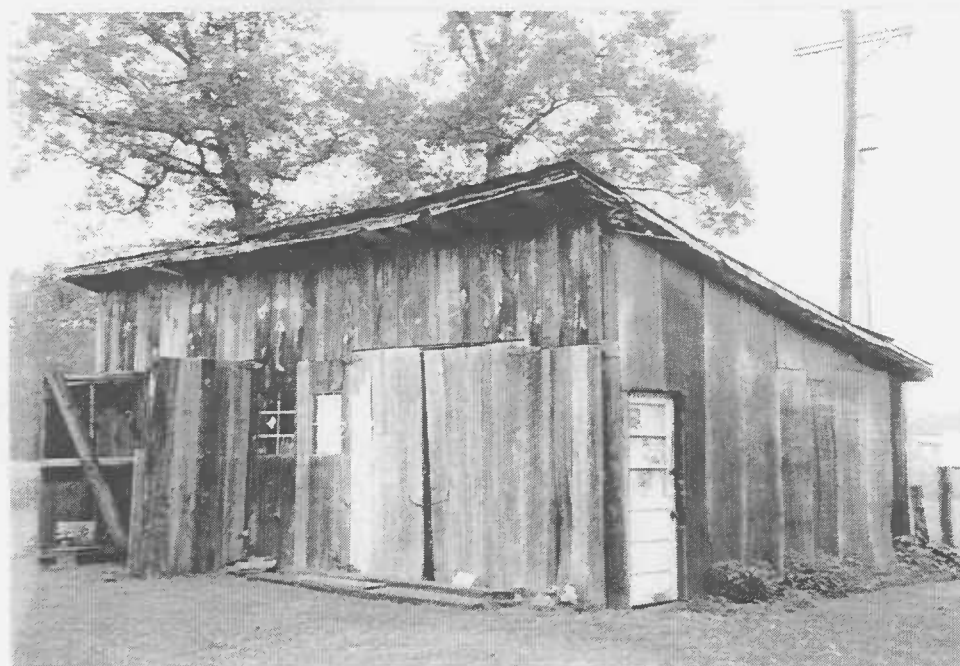
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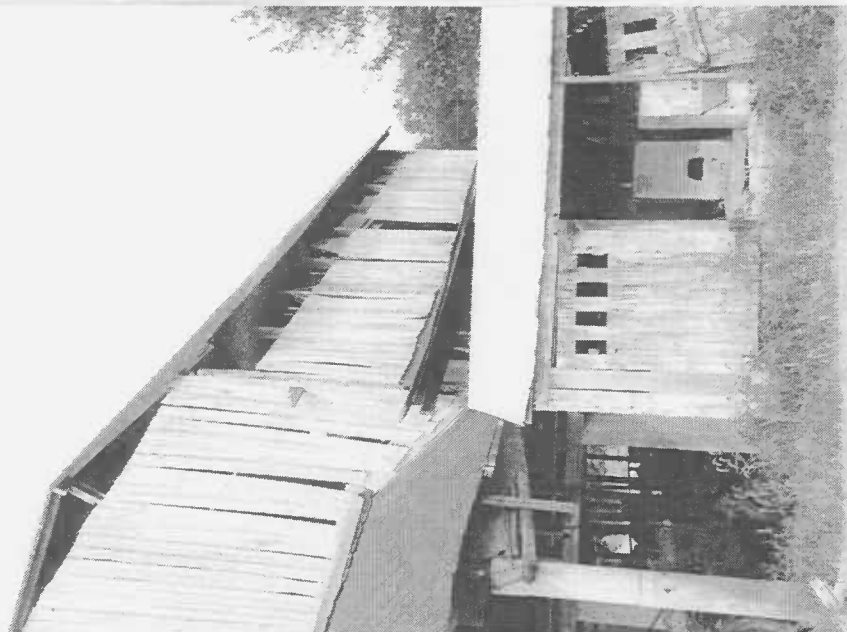
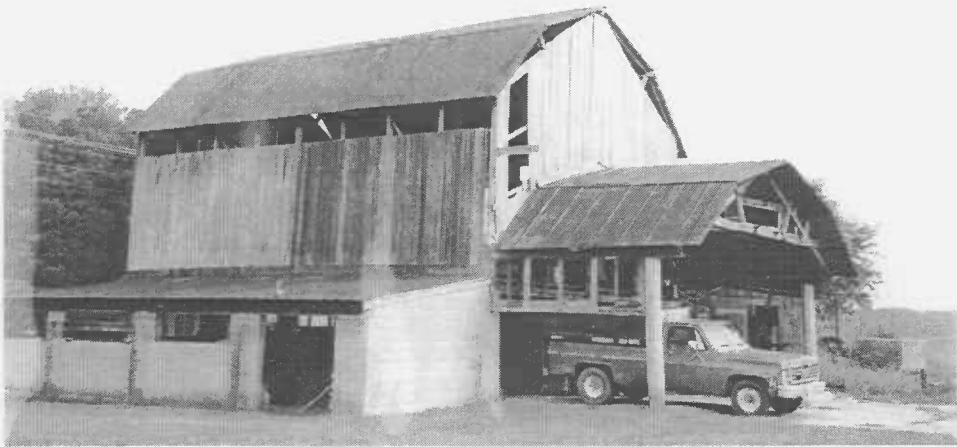
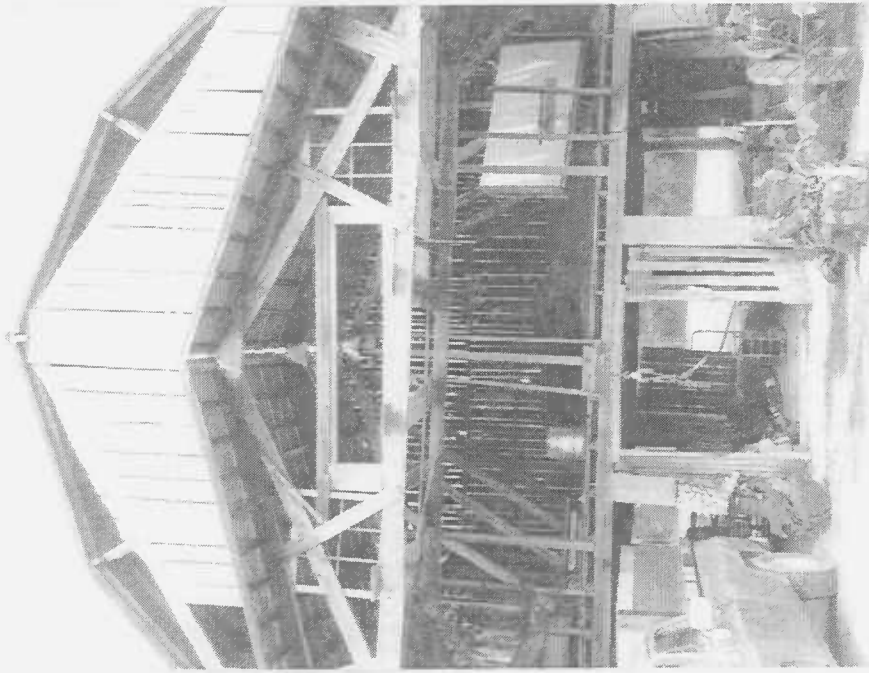
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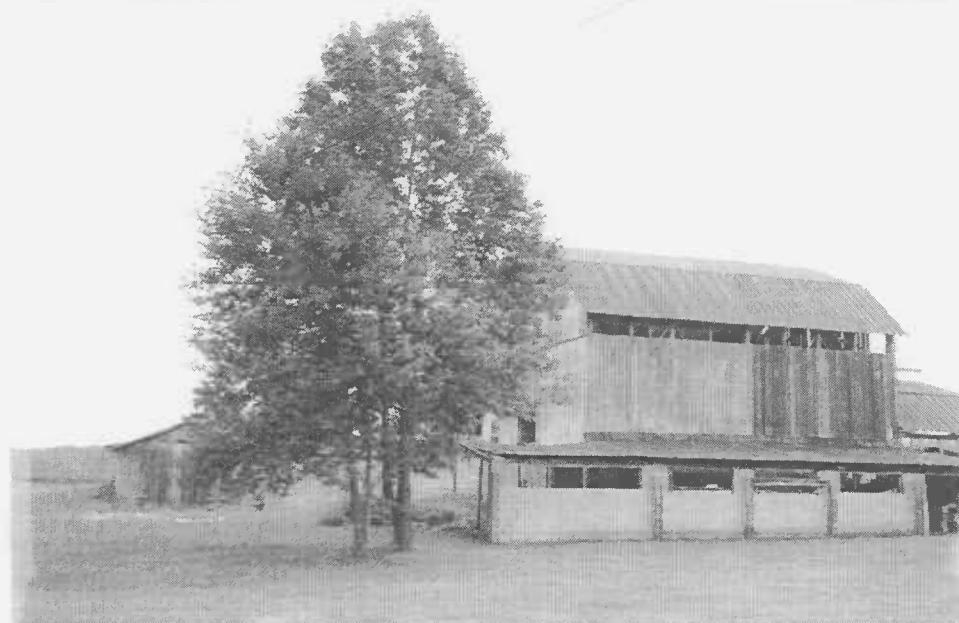


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